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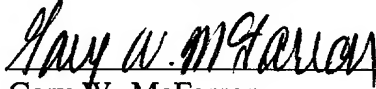
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Methods and Apparatus for
Pericardial Access]

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee for this divisional application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Before the first line, insert the following sentence – This application is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No. 09/397,392, filed on September 16, 1999. –

In the Claims:

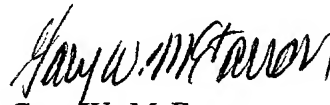
Cancel claims 1-15.

REMARKS

This application is a divisional application based on Serial No. 09/397,392, filed September 16, 1999. A restriction requirement was entered in the parent application and applicant elected claims 1-15 and cancelled claims 16-21 as drawn to a non-elected invention. The present application is filed to prosecute claims 16-21. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are cancelled herein.

A notification of the filing of this divisional is being filed in the parent application, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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